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1. USE OF SAFETY BELTS IS NOT MANDATORY IN THE UNITED

STATES, AND THERE ARE THEREFORE NO LEGAL PENALTIES FOR NOT USING THEM.

- 2. THE U. S. GOVERNMENT, SPECIFICALLY THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA) WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT), DOES CONDUCT AN EXTENSIVE EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 50 STATES, URGING USE OF SAFETY BELTS.
- 3. THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RECENTLY ANNOUNCED REGULATIONS WHICH WILL REQUIRE EVERY PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE SOLD IN THE U. S. TO HAVE PASSIVE RESTRAINTS (AIRBAGS OR UNCLASSIFIED

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PASSIVE SAFETY BELTS) IN A PHASED-IN SCHEDULE STARTING IN 1981 AND TO BE COMPLETED BY MODEL YEAR 1984. A PRESS RELEASE PROVIDING DETAILS ABOUT THIS REGULATORY ACTION IS BEING FORWARDED VIA AIR POUCH.

4. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT JOHN BURKE, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR PLANS AND

PROGRAMS (NPP-01), NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WASHINGTON D. C. 20590. CHRISTOPHER

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